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## Minutes

A meeting of the Senate Appropriations Committee was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 2:06pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Capitol Building.

Committee Members present: Senators Kahn (C), Moolenaar, Jansen, Pappageorge, Booher, Caswell, Colbeck, Green, Proos, Schuitmaker, Walker, Anderson, Gregory, Hood, and Hopgood.

Absent:

Excused: Senator Johnson

Senator Kahn gave his opening remarks regarding order of business:

- Organizational—adopt previous meeting minutes
- Legislative Transfer State Budget Office requests 2013-3 and 2013-5
- SB 335 (Sen. Kahn) Insurance; health; health insurance claims assessment; repeal the sunset and adjust assessment percentage.
- SB 330 (Sen. Casperson) State financing and management; funds; disaster and emergency contingency fund; establish. **TESTIMONY ONLY**

Motion was made by Senator Moolenaar and supported by Senator Jansen to adopt the meeting minutes from April 23, 2013. Without objection the minutes were adopted.

Legislative Transfers from the State Budget Office requests 2013-3 and 2013-5 (for multiple departments) with Caswell revisions

Ellen Jeffries with the Senate Fiscal Agency explained the package.

Motion made by Senator Caswell and supported by Senator Jansen to approve the legislative transfer package 2013-3 as amended.

Yeas: Senators Kahn, Moolenaar, Jansen, Pappageorge, Booher, Caswell, Colbeck, Green, Schuitmaker, Walker, Anderson, Gregory, Hood, and Hopgood.

Nays:

Excused: Senators Proos and Johnson.

Legislative Transfer requests 2013-3 and 2013-5 with Caswell revisions were approved.

SB 335 (Sen. Kahn) Insurance; health; health insurance claims assessment; repeal the sunset and adjust assessment percentage.

Motion made to bring Moolenaar amendment before the committee. Moved by Senator Moolenaar, supported by Senator Jansen.

Yeas: Senators Kahn, Moolenaar, Jansen, Pappageorge, Booher, Caswell, Green, Proos, Walker, Anderson, and Gregory.

Nays: Senators Colbeck and Schuitmaker

Pass: Senators Hood and Hopgood.

Excused: Senator Johnson.

The amendment passed.

Motion made to bring Gregory amendment before the committee. Moved by Senator Gregory, supported by Senator Jansen.

Yeas: Senators Kahn, Moolenaar, Jansen, Pappageorge, Booher, Caswell, Green, Walker, Anderson, Gregory, Hood and Hopgood

Nays: Senators Colbeck, Proos and Schuitmaker

Excused: Senator Johnson.

The amendment passed.

Delaney McKinley with the Michigan Manufacturers Association and Wendy Block with the Michigan Chamber spoke in opposition to the bill.

Bret Jackson with the Economic Alliance for Michigan spoke in neutrality to the bill in light of the Moolenaar and Gregory amendments.

Others who submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak in favor of the bill were: Detroit Medical Center, Michigan Health and Hospital Association, Beaumont Health System, Health Care Association of Michigan, and Michigan Association of Health Plans.

Others who submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak in opposition to the bill were: NFIB-MI, General Motors, Michigan Business and Professional Association, Small Business Association of Michigan, and the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce.

Motion made to adopt SB 335 as amended. Moved by Senator Kahn, supported by Senator Moolenaar.

Yeas: Senators Kahn, Moolenaar, Jansen, Pappageorge, Booher, Caswell, Walker, Gregory and Hood.

Nays: Senators Colbeck, Green, Proos and Schuitmaker

Pass: Senators Anderson and Hopgood.

Excused: Senator Johnson.

SB 335 was adopted as amended.

Motion made by Senator Moolenaar to report SB 335 with recommendation as amended as a clean sub, supported by Senator Kahn.

Yeas: Senators Kahn, Moolenaar, Jansen, Pappageorge, Booher, Caswell, Walker, Gregory and Hood.

Nays: Senators Colbeck, Green, Proos, Schuitmaker and Anderson.

Pass: Senator Hopgood.

Excused: Senator Johnson.

SB 335 was reported with recommendation as amended as a clean sub and immediate effect was recommended.

SB 330 (Sen. Casperson) State financing and management; funds; disaster and emergency contingency fund; establish.

Testimony and questions were taken on SB 330. Marty Fittante with Senator Casperson's office provided a synopsis, and Sergeant Dwayne Gill with Michigan State Police answered questions.

Tom Page with Michigan 211 and Bill Lukens with American Red Cross were present and in favor of the bill.

Without objection, Chairman Kahn adjourned at 3:32pm.

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Date Approved by the Committee